

utilizing a first filter to select a subset of the plurality of program/event entries, wherein the first filter comprises a list of program/event entries;

generating an electronic program guide including the subset of program/event entries; and

displaying the generated electronic program guide on a display.

2. (Fourth Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

utilizing a second filter to select a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries;

utilizing the first filter and the second filter to generate the electronic program guide including all of the program/event entries included in said first subset and all of the program/event entries included in said second subset.

3. (Fourth Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second subset, to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including program/event entries included in both said first subset and said second subset.

4. (Fourth Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

creating the first filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the program listing database.

8. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores the television program listings and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

9. (Thrice Amended) A system for managing television program listings comprising:

a memory for storing a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries, the memory further configured for storing a first filter and a second filter,

the first filter comprising a first list of program/event entries, and the

second filter comprising a second list of program/event entries; and

a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and a second subset of programs according to the second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,

wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, and at least some of the programs in the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

11. (Thrice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter are the same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, and to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program

listings including programs included in both said first subset and said second subset.

12. (Thrice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to create the first filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the database.

14. (Thrice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein a set of program/event entries corresponding to the first and second lists intersects a set of program/event entries corresponding to the database of available television program listings.

15. (Thrice Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program/event entries corresponding to the first and second lists is a proper subset of the set of the program/event entries corresponding to the database of available television program listings.

16. The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores the television program listings and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

17. (Thrice Amended) A method for managing television program listings comprising the steps of:

storing a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources, a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries and a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries;

selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;

filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs;

filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs; and

generating an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first subset and said second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, and wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

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18. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

19. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein at least some of the programs in the first and second subsets are the same, wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries intersect, and wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings consisting of programs produced in both said first and second subsets.

20. (Thrice Amended) An interactive filter selective mechanism of available television program listings comprising:

a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

a plurality of program/event sources, each program/event source having a predetermined subset of television programs;

a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries that filters the plurality of program/event sources to produce a first subset of programs;

a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries that filters at least one of the plurality of program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce a second subset of programs;

a selection of program listing sources including the plurality of program/event sources, the first subset of programs, and the second subset of programs;

a user configuration screen having a display of the selection of program listing sources, wherein a user selects at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen; and

an electronic program guide displaying programs included in said first subset and said second subset.

21. The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings consisting of programs produced from both the first program filter and the second program filter.

24. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the filters are editable filters.

25. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the filters are editable filters.

26. The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.